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A NEW RECORD FOR THE LUMP-SUCKER (EUMICROTREMUS ORBIS GUNTHER).

On his visit to Alaska during last year, Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Commissioner, Bureau of Fisheries, secured three specimens of *Eumicrotremus orbis* which, since data concerning the species is so scant, it seems well to record. One of the three specimens is about as large as any of which the size has been recorded, being nearly three inches (78 mm.) total length from tip of upper jaw to tip of caudal. The other two specimens were respectively about 2.04 (52 mm.) and 2.28 (58 mm.) inches.

The single specimen which served Gunther as the type of the species, is stated to be 22 lines (about 1.8 inches) in length. The specimen was taken at "Esquimault Harbour (west coast of North America)," Vancouver.

Other records are: One specimen one inch long, taken at mouth of Hood Canal, July 1, 1903; one, one inch long was dredged at Albatross station, 1.3 miles off Admiralty Head on bottom of rocks and shells; another, 1.5 inches long, was dredged at Albatross station 4291, 8.5 miles off Cape Uyak, Shelikof Strait, on blue mud and sand bottom; one, 3.85 inches long was found in the stomach of a cod caught in Bering Sea in 1902, at a depth of 500 feet; three specimens, length not stated, were removed from the stomach of an Alepidosaurus ferox, October, 1880,

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at Ilmliuk, Unalaska; another specimen was collected by Dr. W. H. Dall at St. Paul Island, August, 1868, and still another by Drs. Dall and Bean at Plover Bay, Siberia, August 3, 1880. Gilbert records the species from Samak Islands and in Bristol Bay, at Albatross stations 3213, 3258 and 3274. The reserve series of the Bureau of Fisheries contains one specimen, 2.44 inches (62 mm.) long, No. 582, from Albatross station 3561, Bering Sea, in about 43 fathoms.

The three specimens obtained by Dr. Smith were taken in a shrimp-trawl at Thomas Bay, Alaska, in about 20 fathoms, August 3, 1921.

The following notes were taken on the largest of Dr. Smith's specimens:—

Length of body without tail, 60.5 mm.; length of head, 23.5 mm.; length of gape, 7.0 mm.; length of orbit, 9.0 mm.; width of interorbital, 14.0 mm.; depth of body, 33.0 mm.; length of pectoral, 15.0 mm.; length of base of dorsal, 11.0 mm.; height of dorsal (at 4th ray), 11.0 mm.; length of base of anal, 12.0 mm.; distance between dorsals, 11.0 mm.; distance from dorsal to caudal, 17.0 mm.; distance from anal to caudal, 17.0 mm.; D. VI-9; A. 7½.

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NOTES ON THE SUMMER FOOD OF CHILOMYCTERUS SCHOEPFI (WALBAUM)

At Atlantic City, N. J., in the summer of 1920, fifty-eight specimens of *Chilomycterus schoepfi* (Walbaum) were examined with the purpose of determining on what they had been feeding. All specimens were taken in the pound nets operated from Young's Million Dollar Pier and opened immediately. A few were taken each day from July